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SUBJECT: ESCAP:31ST SESSION: AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S
STATEMENT RE NIEO, NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH TWO TEXT OF THAT PORTION
AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S POLICY STATEMENT IN ESCAP PLENARY
RELATING TO US POSITION RE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER. COPY FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED ALL ADD-
RESSEES. FOR USUN FIFTY COPIES FOR GENERAL
DISTRIBUTION BEING POUCHED.

2. QUOTE: MR. CHAIRMAN: EVEN AT THIS STAGE IN OUR
DELIBERATIONS IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN AMPLY CONFIRMED
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ALL OF ITS ASPECTS
IS IN THE MIDST OF A YEAR OF CRISIS. IT IS NOT AN OVER
STATEMENT TO ASSERT THAN NEVER BEFORE HAS THE ENTIRE
WORLD BEEN FACED WITH SUCH OMINOUS CHOICES. FAILURE TO
RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OCCASIONED BY CURRENT ECONOMIC
DISCOLATIONS COULD RESULT IN THE DEATH OF MORE PEOPLE THAN
IN WORLD WAR II. FAILURE TO RESOLVE OUR CRISIS COULD
WITNESS SHIFTS IN THE GLOBAL MONETARY SYSTEM FAR
EXCEEDING ANY SUCH IN HISTORY. FAILURE TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS
COULD RESULT IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL COLLAPSE UNPRECEDENTED
IN HISTORY AS WE KNOW IT. CONSEQUENTLY THE ENORMITY OF
THE RESPONSIBILITY ON THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY--ON THE UNITED NATIONS-- AND ON ESCAP LITERALLY MUST
BRING FORTH OUR BEST, MOST COMPASSIONATE AND MOST
PROFOUND EFFORTS. IT IS IN LIGHT OF THESE
CONSIDERATIONS THAT I BEG YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO
ADDRESS MY FINAL CONCERN.

WE ARE REACHING THE END OF AN OLD ORDER. CERTAINLY
WE ARE REACHING THE END OF A GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM
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WHICH HAS ON THE ONE HAND LIFTED MANKIND TO MATERIAL
LEVELS OF WELL BEING UNKNOWN TO US BEFORE, WHILE ON
THE OTHER HAND, CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THAT ORDER ADMITTEDLY
WERE FLAWED AND IN SOME CASES UNJUST. MY GOVERNMENT AND
MY PEOPLE DO NOT DENY THAT THERE IS NEED
FOR SYSTEMIC REFORM. WE DO NOT DENY THAT INJUSTICES MUST BE
ELIMINATED. WE DO NOT DENY THAT NEW RELATIONSHIPS AND NEW WORLD
ORDER MUST BE EVOLVED. WE BELIEVE THAT THAT EVOLUTION CAN BE BEST
ACHIEVED THROUGH APPROACH OF FULL DIALOGUE, COMPROMISE AND CON-
SENSUS. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT EVERY DELEGATION IN THIS HALL WOULD

SUBSCRIBE TO SUCH A PRESCRIPTION. IT IS THEN FROM THIS VIEWPOINT THAT WE ASSESS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST. IT IS FROM THIS STANDPOINT THAT WE VIEW THE RESULTS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECREERING IN A DECLARATION AND A PROGRAM OF ACTION "THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

IT IS OUT OF A SENSE OF DECENT RESPECT FOR THE OPINION OF OTHERS AND FROM THE COMPULSION OF CANDOR AND INTELLECTUAL HONESTY THAT I EXPRESS TO YOU THE VIEWS OF MY GOVERNMENT ON THE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ADOPTED BY THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION.

FIRST. THE ACTION OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION DID NOT REFLECT A TRUE CONSENSUS AMONG THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT MIGHT BE RECALLED THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM WAS, AND I QUOTE THE FORMULA USED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, "ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE". A NUMBER OF STATES INCLUDING THE U.S. EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH WERE DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE. THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD OCCASION IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REITERATE ITS RESERVATIONS TO THESE UNACCEPTABLE PROVISIONS. AS OF TODAY, THESE PROVISIONS ARE STILL UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES AS A BLUEPRINT FOR A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. I SHALL NOT BURDEN YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MY COLLEAGUES WITH A REARTICULATION OF THE BASIS LEADING TO OUR POSITION.

SECOND. MY GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AS MAJOR, AND IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD, RADICAL STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC POLICY GOALS OF ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ARE WILLING TO SEE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TAKE THESE RESOLUTIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS
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TO CRITICAL WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN EXAMINING SPECIFIC ISSUES IN APPROPRIATE FORUMS AND WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES WITH OTHERS OF CONTRARY VIEWS. IT IS IN THIS FASHION THAT WE BELIEVE AN ENDURING AND JUST AND HUMANE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER CAN BE AND SHOULD BE CREATED. WE UTTERLY REJECT THE NOTION THAT SOUND SOLUTIONS EMERGE FROM CONFRONTATION. WE UTTERLY REJECT THE NOTION THAT JUST SOLUTIONS FLOW FROM A NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH CONSISTS OF DEMANDS TO TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO EXAMINE, DISCUSS AND COMPROMISE THOSE ISSUES WHICH FOR VARIOUS REASONS DIVIDE US NOW. WE LOOK NOT TO THE PAST BUT TO THE FUTURE. WE SEEK NOT TO ADJUDGE GUILT BUT TO FASHION JUSTICE. OUR HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD MAY WELL LIE IN WHAT WE DO IN THE COURSE OF THE BRIEF SPAN FROM NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

IN CONCLUSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE OFFERED YOU THE BEST WE ARE CAPABLE OF IN THOUGHT AND ACTION. WE SEEK INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, WE SEEK DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS FOR IN TRUTH WE,

AS DO WE ALL, SEEK ONLY THE BETTERMENT OF THE HUMAN CONDITION.
THE FONDEST HOPE OF MY GOVERNMENT AND MY FONDEST HOPE IS THAT
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I OR MY SUCCESSOR, MAY STAND AT THIS ROSTRUM
AND SAY--EVERY HUMAN BEING IN THE WORLD HAS A FAIR SHARE OF ITS
BENEFITS AND NO HUMAN BEING BEARS A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE
PRIVATIONS. OUR AIM THEN IS TO REACH A CONDITION WHERE IT CAN
BE TRULY SAID--THE MERE ACCIDENT OF THE PLACE OF BIRTH OR REGION
OF THE WORLD CALLED HOME OR THE COLOR OF SKIN OR SEX OR THE POLI-
TICAL SYSTEM ADOPTED DOES NOT CONSIGN ONE HUMAN BEING TO A LIFE
OF PLENTY WHILE A FELLOW HUMAN BEING IS DESTINED TO A LIFE OF
MISERY. IF WE CAN TAKE ONE STEP TOWARD THAT GOAL IN THIS SESSION
THEN THIS MAY BE OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFT TO OUR FELLOW MAN.
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